

# Outline of Symposium

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# Symposium Purpose

- The purpose is to coordinate and facilitate a national research effort to improve Corps of Engineer's inland navigation economic evaluation techniques.

# Symposium Objectives

- Review current Corps processes, methodologies, and possible improvements.
- Develop shared view of “improved inland navigation economic evaluation techniques”.
- Identify and prioritize a list of research tasks necessary to bridge the gap between current practice and desired future.
- Identify a standard peer review process for all NETS tools and methods.

# Agenda Items for Symposium

- Corps practice
- Data requirements & availability
- Waterway system characteristics
- Generic model characteristics
- Peer review
- Model development

# Symposium Products

- A prioritized list of task needed to bridge the gap between where we are and where we want to go with navigation economic analysis.
- A first draft peer review process and protocol to be used by the NETS research team to evaluate NETS research products.

Questions?